However, additional details called for by Integrated Finance had to be collected. At present only 58 number of Junior Hindi Translators are available in the subordinate officers of CPWD. Promotional Avenues for these Junior Hindi Translators would be available only after posts in higher categories are created. The question of cadre formation will also arise after sufficient number of posts are created. As the issue of creation of posts has been under consideration of Government, the question of fixation of responsibility for delay does not arise.

Ban on use of timber in construction of buildings

336. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have banned or propose to ban the use of timber in construction of buildings by C.P.W.D. if so, the quantity of timber likely to be saved as a result thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to ask the State P.W. Department and private builders also to do the same;

(c) if so, the details of the proposals; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Guidelines already exist for use of alternative substitute materials for conserving wood with a view to completely eliminate use of wood or reduce use of wood to the maximum extent in construction projects, it is proposed to consider substitute items of acceptable standard and durability available for different purposes, and thereafter issue orders for use of such substitute items from 1st April 1993. Since the quantity of wood likely to be saved cannot be assessed accurately at this stage, it is premature to indicate the likely savings of wood by use of substitute items.

(b) to (d) It is also proposed to bring this matter to the notice of all the State Governments for adoption by their construction Deparments. The State Governments can consider incorporation of suitable provision in the Building Bye-Laws of the local for substitution of wood by alternative material.

Non-availability of Application Forms for Conversion of Leasehold Land into Freehold

337. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state.

(a) whether brouchures containing application forms for conversion of lease hold land into freehold are not easily available;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to make them easily available;

(c) whether any time limit has been fixed to dispose of applications by the DDA;

(d) if so, the time limit fixed in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No Sir. The brouchures are easily available through all the designated branches of the banks. No complaint about non-availability of brouchures have been received.

(b) Does not arise in view of part (a) above.

(c) to (e) The applications for conversion are to be disposed of by lease

administering authorities within 90 days from the date on which the prescribed formalities are completed by the applicant.

Drinking water in Vasant Vihar, Delhi

338. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 787 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th April, 1987 and State:

(a) whether, the Booster Pumping Station at Dear Park has been completed;

(b) if so, when;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when it is likely to be completed;

(d) whether the full requirement of the Government Colony, Vasant Vihar is being met;

(e) if so, the details in this regard; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has reported that this pumping station has been completed in 1989.

(c) In view of reply to part (b) above, question does not arise.

(d) to (f) This colony is under command of Deer Park Booster Station which is supplying 7 MGD of water against a total requirement of 15 MGD. Hence, against a total requirement of 4 lacs gallons per day, a restricted supply of 2 lacs gallons per day is being maintained. The position is likely to improve after commissioning the second 100 MGD Water Treatment Plan presently under execution and 20 MGD water is made available from that Plant for South Delhi.

Unauthorised Construction in Delhi

339. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA propose to take up a massive Urban Development Plan with a view to check the unauthorised construction in the city;

(b) whether such a paln has been finalised by the DDA;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) to what extent the unauthorised development of the city is likely to be controlled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) There is no development plan as such to check unauthorised construction. However, action under Delhi Development Act is taken by Delhi Development Authority against the unauthorised constructions as soon as these come to notice in respect of areas declared as Development Areas.

The recommendations of a High Level Committee constituted by the Delhi High Court recently envisages various measure including amendments to Building Regulations and Construction. DDA reports that the demolition of unauthorised structures over the last three years have had a salutary effect on checking the problem.

Free Accommodation to People below Poverty Line

340. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide free accommodation to